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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Custis Neck and Locustville Broadband project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority, located at 4174 Charles M. Lankford Jr. Memorial Hwy, Exmore, VA 23350.

The funding would be used for two adjacent communities both with great needs for broadband with much of the community being unserved and one intermediary span being underserved. In the Custis Neck portion of the project, the ESVBA must build approximately 7miles of fiber across several challenging areas to serve the folks in Custis Neck, Folly Creek Club and Henrys Point. This area has 74 passings of which 34 residents would immediately sign-up if a was network in place. The community has resorted to using SpaceX to provide coverage which is now no longer taking orders and the service has continued to deteriorate. We have provided seven letters of support for the ESVBA to provide fiber services in the community to enable the community reasonable broadband access with fiber at rates > 100/100 symmetric. In the second area of Locustville, the ESVBA would provide a build of approximately 3.1miles to provide connectivity to the 34 residents along the path. Much of the pathway only has satellite or fixed wireless services and is desperate to get access to reliable broadband. 11 of the 34 homes along this path have requested access citing no access to 100/100 Broadband service. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these two communities currently have no funding sources for their needs and are stuck in the 20'th Century while the rest of the country progresses broadband.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Jen Kiggans Virginia's 2nd District

CHKD Virginia Beach Mental Health Satellite Facility

Recipient Name:

Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters (CHKD)

Member Name:

Congresswoman Jen A. Kiggans

Amount Requested:

\$1,000,000

Project Justification:

Virginia is experiencing a significant youth mental health crisis, which youth in rural areas are disproportionately impacted by, facing a higher prevalence of behavior problems, anxiety, and depression than their urban counterparts. As a result of this crisis, CHKD saw a 600 percent increase in mental health outpatient visits between 2015 and 2021. By 2025, CHKD anticipates handling over 50,000 mental health service visits annually. In response to the growing need for mental health care, CHKD has worked to expand access to mental health treatment for youth in rural areas who live beyond the direct service of CHKD's primary mental health hospital in Norfolk, Virginia, by providing services through five satellite facilities across the greater Hampton Roads region, the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and northeastern North Carolina. The satellite facilities help deliver care, including comprehensive mental health prevention services and follow-up care, to children in rural areas ages two to 18, filling critical gaps in state services. The facilities also bring much-needed relief to CHKD's inundated primary mental health facility in Norfolk and increase public safety through early diagnosis and treatment of adolescents at risk of violence. CHKD requests \$1,000,000 for project expenses, including programming, at the Health Center at Landstown in Virginia Beach, which serves Virginia Beach and surrounding rural and underserved communities. Supporting the Virginia Beach facility will significantly improve its ability to help rural children ages two to 18 in surrounding counties and fill critical gaps in state services when record-breaking numbers of families are in crisis.

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters Virginia Beach Mental Health Satellite Facility project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters, located at 601 Children's Ln. Norfolk, VA 23507.

The funding would be used for project expenses, including programming, at the Health Center at Landstown in Virginia Beach, which serves Virginia Beach and surrounding rural and underserved communities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds due to Virginia's high rate of mental illness in rural areas and the crucial role CHKD's satellite facilities play in enhancing health care access and public safety.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 2331 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, 7 U.S. Code section 950aaa. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Jen Kiggans Virginia's 2nd District

Tidewater AREC Training Facility for Smart Farm Technologies

Recipient Name:

Virginia Tech

Member Name:

Congresswoman Jen A. Kiggans

Amount Requested:

\$1,500,000

Project Justification:

Funding for this request would support a new training facility at the Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Suffolk, VA. This facility would be equipped with the technological capability to train agricultural producers, processors, distributors, and educators on precision agriculture technologies [e.g., unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), self-driving tractors, and environmental sensors], which promote environmental and economic sustainability in the agriculture industry. These four crops alone contributed \$900 million to Virginia's economy in 2022. Studies report 7 to 9 percent gains in productivity with the adoption of currently available precision agriculture technologies. For example, the poverty rate in Brunswick County, VA is 21.3%. Enhanced agricultural education in these regions could translate to higher wages and economic development.

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March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Tidewater AREC Training Facility for Smart Farm Technologies in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Virginia Tech, located at 6321 Holland Rd. Suffolk, VA 23437.

The funding would be used for a new training facility at the Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Suffolk, VA. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because This facility would be equipped with the technological capability to train agricultural producers, processors, distributors, and educators on precision agriculture technologies [e.g., unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), self-driving tractors, and environmental sensors], which promote environmental and economic sustainability in the agriculture industry. This facility will also support K-12 STEM education with experiential learning opportunities, increasing awareness and interest in careers in agriculture, which continues to be the largest private industry in Virginia.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2]. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Jen Kiggans Virginia's 2nd District

Creeds Training Facility

Recipient Name:

City of Virginia Beach

Member Name:

Congresswoman Jen A. Kiggans

Amount Requested:

\$5,000,000

Project Justification:

Funding would provide repairs and/or construction for the buildings and hard surfaces in the facility. Construction of a separate, new "simmunition" training structure, complete with a classroom and defensive tactics training mat room, would allow expansion for advanced training evolutions and ease the burden of overuse on the existing structures. CDS funding would help enhance police training to better protect and serve these and other City areas.

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Creeds Training Facility in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Virginia Beach, located at 2401 Courthouse Dr. Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

The funding would be used to provide repairs and/or construction for the buildings and hard surfaces in the facility. The construction of a separate, new "simunition" training structure, complete with a classroom and defensive tactics training mat room, would allow expansion for advanced training evolutions and ease the burden of overuse on the existing structures. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because refurbishing old facilities and constructing new appropriate structures would allow expansion for advanced training evolutions and ease the burden of overuse on the existing structures.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is aligned with section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Jen Kiggans Virginia's 2nd District

City of Suffolk for Potable Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

Recipient Name:

City of Suffolk, Virginia

Member Name:

Congresswoman Jen A. Kiggans

Amount Requested:

\$3,000,000

Project Justification:

This project is related to drinking water and will provide for the upgrade to a drinking water treatment process at the City of Suffolk's G. Robert House Jr. Water Treatment Plant. The treatment plant uses Electrodialysis Reversal (EDR) Membranes to remove the naturally occurring high levels of fluoride found in the groundwater supply in the Eastern Region of Virginia. The current EDR membranes are reaching a critical point in their useful life where they are becoming less efficient at removing the fluoride, and as a result, require replacement. The EDR membranes in need of replacement are arranged in five treatment modules. The requested funding will assist with the purchase of the upgrades to new, fully functional membranes/filters.

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March 24, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for City of Suffolk Potable Water Treatment Plant Upgrades in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Suffolk, Virginia, located at 442 W Washington St. Suffolk, VA 23434.

The funding would be used to upgrade to a drinking water treatment process at the City of Suffolk's G. Robert House Jr. Water Treatment Plant. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the use of these funds will facilitate an additional river crossing in the western Hampton Roads Region, alleviating traffic back-ups on Route 58, Route 337, I-664, and Route 17. In addition to traffic flows, the public safety response times will drastically improve, as well as accessibility to emergency medical treatment facilities. Allowing our citizens to receive expeditious life-saving treatment and services is vital to continuing to grow our healthy communities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Jen Kiggans Virginia's 2nd District

An Achievable Dream Enrichment and Discipline Reduction Program

Recipient Name:

An Achievable Dream, Virginia Beach Inc.

Member Name:

Congresswoman Jen A. Kiggans

Amount Requested:

\$1,921,285

Project Justification:

Our Social, Academic and Moral Education (SAME) framework integrates an array of research-based strategies into a unique program that yields significant results in academic achievement, positive behavior, and the development of critical life skills. Some key components include extended academic time, uniforms, increased extracurricular activities and field trips, college and workforce preparation, and wrap-around services. This program will provide high quality, child centered, cost effective, community-based services to high-risk youth and their families. For costs associated with mental health supports; trauma-informed specialists; staff engaged in student support; extended day programming; and enrichment activities.